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Application of: Jean-Marie VOGEL *et al.*

Application No.: 09/528,989

Art Unit: 1619

Filed: March 20, 2000

Examiner: L. Wells

For: INJECTABLE AND SWELLABLE
MICROSPHERES FOR TISSUE BULKING

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 24, 2001 in the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks for entry into the records of the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance thereof. Also submitted herewith, with the required fees, are a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time for responding to the final Office Action to March 25, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Marked up versions of all amended claims, showing insertions and deletions, are enclosed in Appendix A. For the Examiner's convenience, a complete list of all pending claims, after entry of the present amendment, is included in Appendix B.

Please amend claims 1, 21 and 47 to read as follows:

1. An injectable composition suitable for tissue bulking in a mammal which comprises biocompatible, swellable, hydrophilic, non-toxic and substantially spherical microspheres and a biocompatible carrier, wherein said composition is injectable through